

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A ~~cargo handling vehicle~~ forklift comprising:

a body;

a wheel disposed to the body;

a ~~cargo carrier table~~ plurality of fork arms attached to an front end of the body, ~~the cargo carrier table~~ for carrying cargo; and

a mode switching section for switching over modes of operation between a normal running mode and a turning mode in which the body ~~of the vehicle~~ is turnable,

wherein the turning mode adapts the body to be turned about the vicinity of ~~a distal end~~ ends of the ~~cargo carrier table~~ fork arms.

2. (currently amended): The ~~cargo handling vehicle~~ forklift as set forth in claim 1,

wherein the ~~cargo carrier table~~ fork arms are provided left and right at the front of the body;

and

the body is adapted to be turned about a distal end of either of the left and right ~~cargo carrier tables~~ fork arms as the center of turn.

3. (currently amended): The ~~cargo handling vehicle~~ forklift as set forth in claim 1, wherein the ~~cargo carrier table is~~ fork arms are provided left and right at the front of the body; and

the body is adapted to be turned about, as the center of turn, substantially a central portion of a line connecting distal ends of the ~~cargo carrier tables~~ fork arms with each other.

4. (currently amended): The ~~cargo handling vehicle~~ forklift as set forth in claim 1, wherein the ~~cargo carrier table is~~ fork arms are provided left and right at the front of the body of the vehicle; and

~~wherein~~ the body is adapted to be turned about as the center of turn a position a predetermined distance frontward from the distal end of each of the ~~cargo carrier tables~~ fork arms.

5. (currently amended): The ~~cargo handling vehicle~~ forklift as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a center-of-turn selecting section for selecting a desired center of turn from a plurality of centers of turn.

6. (currently amended): The ~~cargo handling vehicle~~ forklift as set forth in claim 5, wherein the wheel is set at a predetermined angle according to an operation of a steering wheel when the center-of-turn selecting section selects a center of turn so that the body is turned about the center of turn selected.

7. (currently amended): The ~~cargo handling vehicle~~ forklift as set forth in claim 5, wherein the wheel is automatically set at ~~the~~ a predetermined angle when the center-of-turn selecting section selects a center of turn so that the body is turned about the center of turn so selected.

8. (currently amended): The ~~cargo handling vehicle~~ forklift as set forth in claim 2, wherein the distal end of the left ~~cargo carrier table~~ fork is set as a center of turn when the steering wheel is turned counterclockwise in the turning mode; and

the distal end of the right ~~cargo carrier table~~ fork is set as a center of turn when the steering wheel is turned clockwise.

9. (currently amended): The ~~cargo handling vehicle~~ forklift as set forth in claim 1, wherein the ~~cargo carrier tables~~ fork arms are provided movably in longitudinal directions of the body,

the ~~cargo handling vehicle~~ forklift further comprising a position detecting section for detecting a position to which the ~~cargo carrier tables~~ fork arms are moved relative to the body; and a center-of-turn position calculating section for calculating a center of turn of the body based on the position of the ~~cargo carrier tables~~ fork arms detected by the position detecting section.

10. (currently amended): The ~~cargo handling vehicle~~ forklift as set forth in claim 1, wherein the mode of the cargo handling vehicle is switched over from the turning mode to the normal running mode when the turn of the body is completed and the body is prohibited from running until the wheels are restored to a condition in which the body is allowed to move straight.

11. (currently amended): The ~~cargo handling vehicle~~ forklift as set forth in claim 10, further comprising an information section for informing that the body is ready to run when the condition is restored in which the body is allowed to move straight.

12. (currently amended): A ~~cargo handling vehicle~~ forklift comprising:
a body;
a wheel disposed to the body;
a ~~cargo carrier table~~ plurality of fork arms attached to an front end of the body, ~~the cargo carrier table~~ for carrying cargo; and

a mode switching section for switching over modes of operation between a normal running mode and a turning mode in which the body of ~~the vehicle~~ is turnable,

wherein the turning mode adapts the body to be turned about substantially a longitudinally and transversely central portion of the ~~cargo carrier table~~ fork arms as a center of turn.

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13. (currently amended): The ~~cargo handling vehicle~~ forklift as set forth in claim 12, wherein the wheel is set at a predetermined angle according to an operation of a steering wheel so that the body turns about the center of turn.

14. (currently amended): The ~~cargo handling vehicle~~ forklift as set forth in claim 12, wherein the wheel is automatically set to ~~the~~ a predetermined angle so that the body turns about the center of turn.

15. (currently amended): The ~~cargo handling vehicle~~ forklift as set forth in claim 12, wherein the ~~cargo carrier table is~~ fork arms are provided in such a manner as to freely extend in longitudinal directions of the body,

the ~~cargo handling vehicle~~ forklift further comprising:

a position detecting section for detecting a position to which the ~~cargo carrier table is~~ fork arms are moved relative to the body; and

a center-of-turn position calculating section for calculating a center-of-turn position of for the body based on the position of the ~~cargo carrier table~~ fork arms detected by the position detecting section.

16. (currently amended): The ~~cargo handling vehicle~~ forklift as claimed in claim 12, wherein the mode of the cargo handling vehicle is switched over from the turning mode to the

normal running mode when the turn of the body is completed and the body is prohibited from running until the wheel is restored to a condition in which the body is allowed to move straight.

17. (currently amended): The ~~cargo handling vehicle~~ forklift as set forth in claim 16, further comprising an information section for informing that the body is ready to run when the condition is restored in which the body is allowed to move straight.

18. (original): A cargo handling vehicle comprising:

- a body;
- a wheel disposed to the body;
- a mode switching section for switching over modes of operation between a normal running mode and a turning mode in which the body is turnable; and
- a center-of-turn selecting section for selecting a desired center of turn out of a plurality of centers of turn in the turning mode,

wherein the body is adapted to turn about a center of turn selected by the center-of-turn selecting section as a center of the turn.